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## HAVE NOT SAME VIEWPOINT SURELY MAN OF SUBSTANCE

Logic and Argument Mean One Thing to a Man and Another to a Woman.

"Logic" is the rock on which the views of man and woman split. He "knows" that she is inconsistent, she that he argues only for the joy of hearing his own wisdom. Each knows that convincing the other is a gift not granted by the high gods unto mortals. But the knowing fails to keep them from debating until debate threatens to degenerate into wrangling and feminine tears and masculine vehemence of expression bid them cease.

Each is right and both are wrong. Man refuses to be convinced, woman is incapable of being convinced. The source of the difficulty lies in the fact that logic and argument, like truth, mean one thing to him and another to her. Man enjoys argument, the pitting of wits against wits and power versus strength, even if he be worsted, but woman dislikes it instinctively, even if she prove a winner. The reason is that he is born for battle and self-assertion, she for peace, whose essence is self-denial, if not self-effacement.

To man argument is a good deal of a mental game of chess, to woman it is an earnest clash of two personalities.

Man will wage wordy warfare with man over the merits of a point of honor or those of a security, and put the best of him into the intellectual and verbal duel, and not seldom lose his temper for the moment or the hour; but when the war of words is over he thrusts the affair behind him, has no personal feeling as regards his opponent and many even acknowledge that there was foundation for opinions he withstood. But woman argues about the deeper feelings or thought in regard to such problems as politics, religion or virtue and takes the matter with terrible seriousness as an affair of life and death. Her regard for sincerity and truth, as she understands these qualities, makes the debate one to be expressed in terms of personality.

When two such standards and methods of argument as man's and woman's come together we have the spiritual analogy to the physical phenomenon of an irresistible force encountering an immovable obstacle. Too often the outcome is an everlasting smash. But the issue is inevitable. It was forecasted in the first recorded conversation between man and woman—that of Adam and Eve in Eden after eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It will continue thus to the end of days.—Spokesman Review.

#### Seven Varieties of Flies.

Seven different varieties of flies are found in our houses, 98 per cent of which are represented by the common housefly. Flies lay their eggs only in fermenting or decaying substances—by preference in manure. Hence every stable is a center of infection unless periodically disinfected. The fly maggot is also hatched out in latrines and asphalt refuse, such as bedding, straw, rags, paper, scraps of meat, fruit, etc., on which substances the larvae subsist after they hatch, which occurs in about twelve days after the egg has been laid. It is estimated that a single fly, laying 120 eggs at a time, will produce a progeny amounting to sextillions by the end of the season.

The numbers of bacteria upon a single fly have been proved to range all the way from 550 to 6,600,000. The average for 414 flies which were examined at the agricultural experiment station at Storrs, Conn., was 1,250,000 bacteria apiece. This represents about the number of bacteria that enter the human system when someone swallows a glass of liquid into which some fly has fallen, to be removed by a slovenly waiter without the liquid being thrown away.

#### Radium as Egg Producer.

Great and manifold as are the wonders of radium, it might be well to receive the following information with some reserve.

It is reported that an American farmer named Cyrus Whiffle, who has been prospecting in Paradox valley, Colorado came home recently bringing with him a small sack of radium-bearing ore, and dumped some of the pieces in the drinking fountain used by the Whiffle hens.

As a result, according to Whiffle, the water became strongly radioactive, the hens drank it, and their eggs production almost doubled. Many of the hens began laying two eggs daily.

Whiffle says that his entire family, since beginning to eat the radioactive eggs have gained steadily in strength and that all their ailments have disappeared.

#### Repairing Fractured Hearts.

Thirty-one patients in a Russian hospital have recovered from stab wounds of the heart!

Doctor Zildier says the patients were put under the influence of ether very soon after the injury, part of the chest wall was removed, the heart lifted from its bed and the stitches quickly introduced between pulsations. The bony chest wall over the heart was not put back in place, that organ being left covered only by skin and muscle. This was done to give the heart room to expand and to prevent adhesions from embarrassing the heart's action. Several of the patients have resumed their usual employment. The probable reason for the success of the experiment was

Russian Brought With Him the Gold to Satisfy British Immigration Authorities.

A Russian who traveled to London from the Tyneside to get a nephew out of the clutches of the immigration authorities turned out to be a sort of gold mine.

The man is a cabinetmaker. To prove that the boy had means of subsistence he had filled his pockets with sovereigns. The uncle declared a trick had been played on the lad. Although he (the uncle) had bought him a ticket, the boy was induced to buy another ticket, some ticket seller abroad having persuaded him that the one which his uncle had sent him was not available.

"It has cost me another \$50 to bring the boy to London," said the uncle. He added that he wanted to bring up the boy as his own. He drew from a pocket two handfuls of sovereigns to show that he was able to do this.

Said the chairman, smiling: "You are a wealthy man, but you had better look after your money." The uncle produced more gold from another pocket. "I've had to work hard for this," he said, and was about to reveal more wealth when the court told him that a boy with such a generous protector would, of course, be admitted.

## PROVES STRENGTH OF HEART

Infallible Test, According to Prominent Physician, Is the Ability to Hold the Breath.

Dr. W. A. Schtange, in a recent number of the Roussky Vrach, explains why a healthy person can suspend breathing for from thirty to forty seconds, or, with practice, for three times as long. This depends, the doctor asserts, not on the lung capacity but upon the vigor of the heart muscle. In a word, the longer you can hold your breath the greater is your heart power, persons with weak hearts being unable to suspend their breathing for more than twenty or even ten seconds.

Doctor Schtange, who is a surgeon of note, tests his patients in this novel way before giving them a general anesthetic, such as ether or chloroform. Seated in a chair, the patient is instructed to take a deep inspiration and, with the mouth closed, to hold his breath as long as he can. The longer he can hold it the less danger will there be from the anesthetic, and should he not be able to suspend his breathing for as long as twenty seconds, the anesthetic is, as the doctor says, "contra-indicated."

#### May Lower Price of Radium.

Contracts for delivery of radium in the early months of 1915 have been entered into at a price as low as \$67.50 a milligram, and there is a widely prevalent belief that there may be a great fall in the price during the next two years. It is interesting to note that for some time after its discovery radium could be procured at less than one-tenth of its present price. The demand for radium to be used for medical purposes has hitherto absorbed the output, and has led to rates being quoted which are excessive and altogether artificial. The large profits obtained have, however, stimulated search for uranium ores in various countries, notably in America, and as there are unlimited quantities of low grade uranium rocks available it would appear to be merely a question of time before radium will be placed on the market at a price bearing a reasonable ratio to the cost of its production.

#### Duly Explained.

Sir George Reid, the genial high commissioner for the Australian commonwealth, who has just returned from a visit to Australia, is enormously popular "down under."

When he was made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George the people of Australia, who had known him as plain George Reid, worried him a good deal about his new dignity.

At one of his meetings a heckler called out, sarcastically: "Say, Sir George, what does 'K. C. M. G.' mean?"

Without a moment's hesitation the new K. C. M. G. replied: "Keep calling me George!"

#### Activities of Women.

Miss Myrtle B. Wood and Miss Clara M. Smith of St. Louis, with three Kansas City women are included among the 198 who are taking bar examinations in Missouri this year.

Dr. Margaret N. Sullivan, recently appointed assistant to Chief Surgeon Mooney of the City hospital in Jersey City, N. J., is the first woman to serve upon the staff.

Hereafter all the North German Lloyd steamers will have on board two Franciscan nuns, who will look after the spiritual and physical needs of the women and children.

#### Must Show Weight or Volume.

Manufacturers and packers of foods sold in packages and bottles will be required, after September 3, 1914, to show on the wrapper or label the net weight or volume of the contents, as a result of an order recently issued by the United States department of agriculture. In the case of some classes of articles the contents must be stated by numerical count where this method gives accurate information as to the quantity of food in the package. The figures given on the label must represent the actual quantity of food, as

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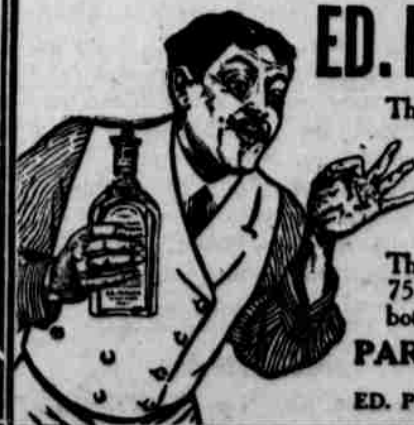
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